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Isaiah 9:6,7

“⁶For unto us Child is born, unto us Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of The **LORD** of hosts will perform this” (Isa. 9:6,7).

The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

“⁶Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-begotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger-of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers[magistrates] and health to-Him. ⁷The principality of-His great!^[nom. of excl.] and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish [^{loc. ev}]in-judgment and [^{loc. ev}]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7LXXAPT).

Part 18

Introduction:

We have been studying the seven aspects of the second of six facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as to **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. These are: **I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again**. In the last seventeen lessons we completed the first fact, **What is Peace** and have completed four aspects of the second fact concerning this. For several weeks we have been considering the first six of the seven aspects depicting **The Lord Jesus Christ as: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; D. The Producer of Peace; E. The Procurer of Peace**.

So far we considered the four aspects regarding The Lord Jesus Christ as **Procurer of Perfect Peace**: 1. **He had been In Possession of Perfect Peace with The Father and The Holy Spirit since Eternity past**. 2. **He Obtained Peace by Means of Purchase**. 3. **As a Result of His Purchase, He Achieved Peace for All Humans and All Things in Heaven and upon Earth**. 4. **He Manages, Cares for or Looks after The Peace that He Achieved** in seven ways: a. He sends Proclaimers of The Gospel of Peace to all the world; b. He Protects in Peace disciple-saints who meet His Conditions for Peace; c. His Peace Regulates (Judges) in Disagreements between disciples to Insure Peace. d. He Sanctifies to the fullest extent those disciples who Fully Appropriate His Peace; e. He Shods the Feet of Those who go; f. He Imparts Peace to His Disciples in All Circumstances; and g. He Equips His disciples to Perform His will.

Then there were two more aspects and accomplishments which describe The Prince of Peace: He Proclaimed Peace and He Perpetuated Peace. In our last lesson we considered His aspect and accomplishment as Proclaimer of Peace.

F. The Proclaimer of Peace Proclaimed Peace.

We considered Webster’s definition of the verb ‘proclaim’ as applied to The Lord Jesus Christ as: “to **announce** and **2**: to declare or to declare to be solemnly, officially, or formally.” Then we noted that a frequently used synonym of ‘proclaim’ is ‘announce’ or ‘pronounce,’ which are used interchangeably in current usage. The Lord Jesus Christ declared Peace solemnly, officially, and formally to a select core group, His eleven disciples. These are representative of that which eventually (within fifty-three days) would develop into a huge number and His

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proclamation would progressively apply to an innumerable company, The Church of The God. So that every Redeemed, Regenerated individual has the responsibility of proclaiming This Perfect Peace to all humans in his or her generation and the following generations in the Redeemed, Regenerated disciple-saint's remaining life-time on Earth.

Although, the statement The Heavenly Host multitude proclaimed when The Lord Jesus Christ was born, "Glory to God in Most High Places! And upon Earth Peace! Delight among-humans" (Lk. 2:14 APT), this often has been taken to mean that He brought peace to Earth, but He distinctly taught His disciples that why He came was for a completely different reason. The Statement is true. Peace in The Person Of The Christ came to The Earth to bring Peace. But because His own People, the nation of Israel rejected Him and His proffered Peace, He could not bring Peace to Israel through whom The God intended to offer to every human in the whole world. Satan succeeded in deluding the nation through its leaders to fulfill His ultimate purpose to provide Perfect Peace for every human on Earth who would fully comply with His conditions for His Peace. So Jesus clarified the minds of His disciples as to the full Truth for His coming (Mt. 10:34,35).

³⁴Never presume that I came to cast peace upon the Earth! I did not come to cast peace, but^[on-the-contrary] a short sword. ³⁵For I came to set-at-variance^[to divide; cut-in-two] a human ^[generic] against his /father and ⁰daughter against her /mother and ⁰bride against her /mother-in-law" (Mt. 10:34,35 APT).

However during His three-year Earthly ministry He demonstrated His supernatural ability to cause peace by simply speaking for peace to occur in both animate and inanimate situations. He spoke peace to **a weeping sinful woman**, He brought peace by simply speaking to the **storm-driven waves of the sea and the wind**. But not until just before His Crucifixion, He proclaimed that He is departing from them but leaving behind (bequeathing) His own Perfect Peace to them (Jn. 14:27,28).]

We then noted the four things concerning Perfect Peace which is Proclaimed by **The Prince of Peace**: What is proclaimed? Why is it proclaimed? Who proclaimed it? Wherein is The Peace found? The answer to this fourth and last question raised is, The One Who is The Personification of Peace! The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personifies Peace. He **is** our peace. When He is in full control of all one's being by means of His Holy Spirit, our Paraklete, **all is peace** and overcoming victory. Without Him there can be no real, lasting peace and only repeated defeat!

G. **The Perpetuator of Peace.**

We noted Webster's New International Dictionary defines the verb 'perpetuate' as "to make perpetual, to cause to endure, or to be continued indefinitely; to preserve from extinction or oblivion; to eternize." The One Who perpetuates Perfect Peace is called The Perpetuator.

1. As The Perpetuator of Peace He made Six Promises to His Disciples (Jn. 14:1-6 APT).

It was determined that an appropriate Scriptural meaning is that the promise that Jesus made to His disciples was included in His New Covenant with disciple-saints belonging to His Church who have accepted all His conditions to appropriate His Perfect Peace. Thus the present day disciples of The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Truth as well as The Prince of Peace, can expect His promises to them to be fulfilled exactly as He spoke to these eleven disciples and later to one disciple, Paul, who was 'born out of due time' (AV) or rather 'in the untimely birth' (1 Cor. 15:8 APT). **But** in order for one to be able to

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expect these promises to be fulfilled personally in one's life, it is absolutely necessary to be a following disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ reading The Word of The God daily, studying, learning from a more mature obedient disciple The Truths necessary to fulfill His conditions of His Perfect Peace and then putting them into practice in one's life.

But mark it well! Although many religious people claim to be included in this promise, it applies only to His disciples, these twelve and all those who have been discipled by them or by those who were discipled by those discipled by a disciple of His. Many religious people, deluded by Satan, claim and believe themselves to be the recipients of this promise, but who have not persisted in following The Lord Jesus Christ, intimately trained in Scripture, and put The Truth learned in this way into practice daily in their lives. Thus they fall into the category of those virgins who lacked oil in their lamps and came knocking at the locked-shut door (Mt. 25:1-11). Or they fall into the category of those many people who shall stand off away from the locked-off door of Heaven and persistently knock and plead for Him to open to no avail. But hear Him command, "Depart from Me into eternity and be weeping loudly and gnashing the teeth in tormenting pain" (Lk. 13:24-28).

It is vitally important to understand, in order to rightfully expect to participate in The Promises which The Lord Jesus Christ made to His disciples recorded in Scripture, that you are a true disciple living the life of a disciple-saint in persistent peace and not just professing faith in The Lord Jesus Christ.

We examined the six promises that The Lord Jesus Christ made to His disciples concerning peace: a. To prepare a place for His disciples; b. To come again for His disciples; c. To take His disciples for Himself to be with Himself continually forever; d. To bequeath peace to His disciples after He died; e. To give persistently to His disciples His own personal peace; and f. Amid continual tribulation ^[pressure] you continually have overcoming Peace.

Then as The Perpetuator of Peace He Left Behind all His disciples to be Proclaimers to Carry and Proclaim His Perfect Peace To The Ends of The Earth where ever they journey on Earth (Mk. 16:15; Mt. 28:18-20). As The Proclaimer, The Lord Jesus Christ passed on to His Disciples to be His Proclaimers, **clearly** proclaiming His Gospel of Peace **and** including all His conditions as the basis for acceptance of His Perfect Surpassing Peace and Salvation.

This brings to a conclusion all seven aspects and accomplishments under the second topic, **II. Who The Prince of Peace Is**. Now we shall commence the third topic, **III. What He Came to Do**.

III. What The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Do.

There are at least twelve unequalled achievements The Prince of Peace came to Earth to perform. There are seven of these that The Prince of Peace, The Lord Jesus Christ Himself declared during His life on Earth. Then there are five others that were declared by John at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94. All these are considered in the chronological order in which The Lord Jesus expressed them recorded first, then those which were not revealed until John recorded them under the control of The Holy Spirit in A.D. 90-94

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God (Heb. 10:5-10 cf., Ps. 40:7,8);
- B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit (Heb. 10:5-8,10);
- C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance (Lk. 5:32);
- D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance with Parents (Mt. 10:34,35);

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- E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God's Power and Authority (Lk. 4:32,36; 5:17,23,24; 9:6-8; 9:42,43; and Acts 10:38);
- F. He Came to Ignite Fire onto the Earth (Lk. 12:49,51);
- G. He Came to Give His Natural Life in Exchange for many Sinners (Mk. 10:45);
- H. He Brought The Word of The God into Being (Jn. 1:1,14,17)
- I. He Came to Reveal The God's Person (Jn 1:1,18; 14:7-11);
- J. He Came to Reveal The God's Plan of Salvation (Jn. 1:12; 17:1,2).
- K. He Came to Save the World (Jn. 12:47); and
- L. He Came to Testify to The Truth (Jn. 18:37).

It took a supernatural human who has never sinned to perform all these twelve difficult tasks that The Lord Jesus Christ came to achieve. In addition to the first seven, c. A.D. 90 when he recorded his Gospel, the beloved disciple, John added five more reasons for His coming to Earth. He Brought into Being two reasons and He Revealed three other reasons for coming to Earth. These have been added rather than inserted earlier because progressive revelation by The God did not reveal these Truths until just before at Ephesus, or shortly after John was banished by The Roman Emperor Domitian to the Isle of Patmos in A.D. 90 (Rev. 1:9). It is your teacher's intention with occasional rare exceptions, which are noted as such, to present Truth in the light of progressive revelation in order to have an understanding that the saints late in the first century after The Crucifixion and Resurrection-Ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ understood Truth.

Now consider these twelve reasons for The Prince of Peace Coming to Earth as a Human in more detail.

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God (Heb. 10:5-10 cf. Ps. 40:7,8);

“⁵Wherefore when-coming into the world, He-says,^[Ps. 40:6-8] Sacrifice and offering ⁶You-determinedly-willed not, but ⁷You-furnished a-body for-Me. ⁸Whole-burnt-offerings and ⁹offerings^[obj. gen.]for-sin, delighted-You⁸ not. ⁷At-that-time I-said, Lo! I-arrive (in-heading of-scroll ^[on-outside-end-of-scroll] it-stands-written concerning Me) ^[pulp. inf. w/τὸ]in-order-to-do the determined will of Yours⁸, ^[voc.]O-God. ⁸Earlier^[in-the-scroll] while-saying,^[Ps. 40:6] ⁹You-did-not -determinedly-will neither ¹⁰did-You-delight ^[in] sacrifice nor even ^[in] whole-burnt-offerings in-behalf-of sin, ^[emph. καὶ]even which are-being-offered ^[accrd. πρὸς]according-to The Law, ⁹at-that-time it-stands-said, Lo! I-arrive in-order-to-do the determined-will of-Yours⁸, O-God, He-abolished the first^[will], so that He establish the second^[will]! ¹⁰^[instr. ἐν]By-means-of-which determined-will we-are ones-standing-sanctified through the sacrificial-offering of-the body of-Jesus, The Christ once-for-all-time^[ever]” (Heb. 10:5-10 APT).

We already noted the statement that The Heavenly Host multitude proclaimed when The Lord Jesus Christ was born was, “Glory to God in Most High Places! And upon Earth Peace! Delight among-humans” (Lk. 2:14 APT). That was The Triune God's intended ultimate purpose of which the angels were unaware. Their knowledge was limited to past and present events. They were unaware of the communication that transpired between Jesus and His Father at the moment of His birth and just before their announcement or at least moments just before the time they were praising Him to the shepherds in the nearby field. This communication took place at the moment The Baby Jesus came into the world in Tebét (Dec.-Jan.), 4 B.C., but was not recorded until late Spring, A.D. 63, when the Apostle Paul, under control by The Holy Spirit recorded in his Treatise to The Hebrews, what had transpired the moment that The Baby was born and laid in the feed trough in the

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stable. The Lord Jesus quoted David's Messianic Psalm of Prophecy (Ps. 40:6-8). He stated that The God furnished Him a body to sacrifice in place of the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices which were offered according to The Law, in which The God did not delight.

Then after clarifying this communication by Jesus, Paul explained the meaning relating to The Determined Will of God. He referred to two determined wills of His, the first and the second. Paul concluded That The Lord Jesus Christ abolished (nullified or negated) The First (The Law - Covenant/Testament) in order to establish (cause to stand) The Second (The New Covenant/Testament) in place of The First, The Law) (Heb. 10:9 APT). It is by means of The New Determined Will of The Godhead that those who meet His conditions of Peace stand sanctified (set apart as holy exclusively for The God to the fullest extent) through or because-of the offering of the body of Jesus, The Christ. This was completely unlike the repeated animal burnt offerings-sacrifices, which were offered because they were required by The Law. They could never take away sins, but only excuse those sins for which the sacrifice was made. But His body was given to live into adulthood without Sin so as to be a perfect and sinless burnt offering-sacrifice that would take away Sin and clear the conscience.

This is the first difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Secondly,

B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit (Heb. 10:5-8,10);

“⁵... Sacrifice and offering ^SYou-determinedly-willed not, but ^SYou-furnished a-body for-Me. ⁶Whole-burnt-offerings and offerings^l [obj. gen]for-sin, delighted-You^S not. ⁷At-that-time I-said, Lo! I-arrive (in-heading of-scroll [on-outside-end-of-scroll] it-stands-written concerning Me) [pup. inf. w/rod]in-order-to-do the determined will of Yours^S, [voc.]O-God. ⁸Earlier^[in-the-scroll] while-saying,^[Ps. 40:6] ^SYou-did- not -determinedly-will neither ^Sdid-You -delight ⁱⁿ sacrifice nor even ⁱⁿ whole-burnt-offerings in-behalf-of sin, ^[emph. κα]even which are-being-offered ^[accrd. πρὸς]according-to the law,⁹ . . . ¹⁰[instr. ἐν]By-means-of-which determined-will we-are ones- standing-sanctified through the sacrificial-offering of the body of Jesus, The Christ once-for-all-time^[ever]” (Heb. 10:8,10 APT).

This second exploit is solely dependent upon the first exploit. If He was not born as The God manifest as The Human Son of The God, He could not fulfill any of the other exploits necessary to fully restore humans to their original created state with perfect sinless relationship in Perfect Peace with The Triune God. Scripture recorded in The Scroll of The Prophetic Psalm of David (Ps. 40:6) that The God positively did not delight in either sacrifices or whole burnt-offerings in behalf of Sin, the root and sins, the fruit, that were the sacrifices that were offered according to The Law. What had to be accomplished could only be successful if it was His perfect sinless body which Satan tried to destroy or to get Him to avoid and not fulfill His Peace Mission at least twice recorded during His three plus years of ministry.

All humans that are born are anticipated to live, but The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came for the express purpose to die in the prime of life, after living just more than three years after attaining the age of thirty, the age required for men of the sons of Kohath to serve in the Tabernacle, especially the priests (Num. 4:3;35). This is important since Jesus must serve as Great High Priest for all humans in the world for those who meet His conditions of Peace.

But it is also important to notice that He had to become a burnt sacrifice. Indeed He did suffer as a substitute (one who takes the place

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for another for a short time) through The Eternal Fire and Brimstone in Judgment for Sin and sins (Rev. 21:8). The whole Earth became enveloped in darkness, prophesied by Isaiah (60:2) and recorded by three witnesses, Luke (23:44,45; Mk. 15:33; Mt. 27:45), and therefore established according to The Law (Deut. 19:15; Mt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1). The Holy Spirit wisely directed John to record the evidence to this fact that He endured The Fire of The God's Eternal Anger or Wrath. He stated that he saw the Resurrected-Glorified Christ, whom he knew as Son of The (Hu)Man on Earth with His exposed feet below His garment (robe). He described those blessed nail-pierced feet appearing as fine burnished brass that had been through the scorching fire of the furnace (Rev. 1:13,15).

This is the second difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Thirdly,

C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance (Lk. 5:30-32);

³⁰And the scribes of theirs and the Pharisees kept murmuring to [the face of] His disciples saying, Because of what & are you eating and drinking [in co.] with tax-collectors and sinners? ³¹And /Jesus answered and said to [the face of] them, The ones continually being healthy are having no need of a physician, but [on the contrary] the ones having illness [it badly]. ³²I have come not to summon the righteous ones, but [on the contrary] sinners unto repentance" (Lk. 5:33-23 APT).

[The Greek verb that The Lord Jesus used, has been translated in The New Testament so often as 'call' is *καλέω* (kahléh-ō). It has eight meanings according to context, specified by Walter Bauer in A Greek-English Lexicon of The New Testament, 1979, p. 399. It is to be translated as context dictates either 'call' with four variations, 'invite,' 'call together,' or 'summon' with two variations: from family and close friends and used as a technical legal term from court or High Authority. This last meaning should cause that texts containing *καλέω* (kahléh-ō) and indicating that there are legal consequences for failure to heed the instructions and Truth concerning The God in relationship with His people, disciples and sinners summoning to Repentance, Salvation, Obedience, and Peace should be translated 'summoned,' which conveys that there are eternal consequences for ignoring or refusing to promptly and respectfully respond.]

This declaration occurred in early Nisán (March) A.D. 31. The Lord Jesus rebuked the scribes and Pharisees because of their challenge to His disciples and stated a third reason why He came. He came to Earth **NOT** to summon the righteous ones but rather to urgently invite sinners to repentance. A 'summons' is a notification by a court "to appear in court or to attend to some duty." In this case the notification is for sinners that they are to appear before The Judgment Throne of The God to answer for their lack of fulfilling the requirements for Peace with The God by taking the first step toward Salvation, Redemption, and Justification which includes Forgiveness of sins. Have you heeded His summons that is graciously offered to you? If so, have you shared it with others who need to understand the consequences of neglecting to heed this summons? If you have not yet heeded to this summons yourself, why not? The consequence is Eternal Suffering in Fire and Brimstone with no relief ever!

This is the third difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. Fourthly,

D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members (Mt. 10:34,35 cf. Lk. 12:51);

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“³⁴Never presume that I-came to-cast peace upon the Earth! I-came not to-cast peace upon the Earth, but^[on-the-contrary] a-short-sword. ³⁵For I-came to-set-at-variance^[to-divide; cut-in-two] a human^[generic] against his /father and ⁰daughter against her /mother and ⁰bride against her /mother-in-law. ³⁶And ^[Micah 7:6]enemies of-the human^[generic] are^l his /household-ones” (Mt. 10:34,35 APT).

This statement by The Lord Jesus occurred in Kislev (late November) A.D. 31, just after He authorized His twelve disciples with authority and instructions to be His apostles and sent them two by two throughout the nation, limiting them to speak to Israel’s perishing sheep to proclaim-as-a-Herald the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. He warned them of the negative treatment and persecution that they were going to receive from some of their friends and family, who would reject their message. He told them that the judgment of those who reject their proclamation in the final Day of Judging shall be worse than that of Sodom and **Gohmorrhra** (Gomorrah). In response to rejection, they were to curse that city and go on to another. They were encouraged by the instructions as to some cities or towns in Israel that would hospitably receive them. Peace would be upon that house that did hospitably receive them (Mt. 10:1-34).

Then after thoroughly instructing them He added the quoted statement above. By saying this He nullified and corrected whatever false understanding they might have had concerning Peace.

Then a year later in mid-Hesh’von (early November) A.D. 32, He related the parable of The Housemaster, who made departure out of the marriage feast and His Bondslaves, who awaited his return and found them watching. Therefore His disciples “are to become ready ones! Because The Son of The (Hu)Man comes in what hour you[&] do not suppose” (Lk. 12:40). Following the parable, The Lord Jesus related the consequences for both waiting and being ready for His Return or for not being prepared and waiting, and the consequences for those who knew their Lord’s determined will and did it not, as well as those who did not know His determined will but did things worthy of stripes (Lk. 12:47-49). Then He added a reminder of why He came to Earth.

“⁵¹&You-suppose that I-emerged-alongside to-give peace^[év for etis]on-the-Earth, do-you[&] not? I-am-saying to-you[&], By-no-means! But^[on-the-contrary] rather division” Lk. 12:51 APT).

He went on to explain how division will occur when He is introduced and some have complied with all His conditions of Peace and others have not. The family and in-laws shall be divided one against another. Therefore Repentance, Salvation, Forgiveness, Regeneration, Justification, and Sanctification shall indeed cause His Perfect Peace to abide within the obedient heart, while there may be outward turmoil and division around one. But in union with The Lord Jesus Christ is union with The Godhead and with His Perfect Peace which can calm the soul, the heart, and the mind, while turmoil abounds all around. And it is far better to have That Peace here and now even in turmoil, rather than be without This Peace and turmoil, but on the contrary have torment, eternal suffering in excruciating heat, darkness, fire, and brimstone with no relief forever. Is it not?

This is the fourth difficult task that The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace came into this world to accomplish, which He perfectly completed. We shall suspend our study at this time and resume next time at the fifth reason why The Lord Jesus Christ came according to His own declaration to His Disciples before He was Crucified, He came to reveal and demonstrate The God’s miraculous power and authority.

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Conclusion: Today in our study of **The Prince of Peace**, after briefly highlighting the outline of The Truths already covered in the first six of seven aspects that portray Jesus Christ as The Prince of Peace. Then we began to consider the third major fact concerning Him, **What He Came to Earth to Do**. There are at least twelve unequalled achievements that He came to Earth to perform, eight which He declared during His lifetime on Earth, four others John declared at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94.

A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God;

The Apostle Paul recorded in his Treatise to The Hebrews what had transpired the moment that The Baby was born and laid in the stable. He addressed The God and quoted David's Messianic Psalm of Prophecy (Ps. 40:6-8) and indicated why He came. He stated that The God furnished Him a body to sacrifice in place of the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices which the Israelites offered according to The Law. In these The God delighted not nor determinedly willed to accept because of the sinful corruption and lack of obedience and disregard all that He required, even though He sent prophets to warn and urge them over and over to obey. All to no avail.

B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit;

The Lord Jesus quoted The Scripture recorded in The Scroll of The Prophetic Psalm of David (Ps. 40:6) that The God positively did not delight in either sacrifice or whole burnt-offerings, in behalf of Sin (the root) and sins (the fruits), that were the sacrifices offered by the Israelites according to The Law. But what had to be accomplished could only be successful if it was His perfect sinless body suffered in Eternal darkness of Fire. He came to accomplish and fulfill that need.

C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance;

We noted that the Greek verb *καλέω* (kahléh-ō) is to be translated as context dictates as 'call' with four variations, 'invite,' 'call together,' or 'summon' with two variations: from family and close friends and as a technical legal term from a court or High Authority, indicating that there are legal consequences for failure to heed the instructions for fulfilling the requirements for Peace. They shall appear before The Judgment Throne of The God to answer for their lack of fulfilling the requirements for Peace. He came to summon sinners unto repentance!

D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members;

Jesus explained how division will occur when He is introduced and some have complied with all His conditions of Peace and others have not. The family and in-laws shall be divided one against another. His Perfect Peace shall abide within the obedient heart, while there may be outward turmoil and division around one, even when disturbed disobedient loved ones display disgust and anger over changed behavior.

Have you heard and heeded to His summons to Repentance and Peace? Are you conscious of the consequences of ignoring, disregarding, or refusing to comply with His summons? Are your loved ones and friends conscious of the consequences or needing you to inform them of His summons?

Application: What will you begin doing today to be sure that you, your friends, and loved ones are conscious of the consequences of ignoring, disregarding, or refusing to comply with His summons? DFW

For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. What He Came To Do:** part E'. Please read and meditate upon: Lk. 4:31-36; Mk. 1:21-27; Mt. 9:1-8.